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an elongate shaft having a proximal end, a distal end and a lumen extending therethrough, the shaft including an inner layer, an outer layer, and a reinforcement layer disposed therebetween, the reinforcement layer comprising a first wire wound in a first direction and a second highly radiopaque metal wire wound in a second direction different from the first direction, the first wire interwoven with the second wire, the first wire having a first diameter and the second wire having a second diameter less than the first diameter.

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19. (New) An intravascular catheter as in claim 1, wherein the highly radiopaque metal

comprises tungsten.

20. (New) An intravascular catheter as in claim 8, wherein the highly radiopaque metal

comprises tungsten.

21. (New) An intravascular catheter as in claim 14, wherein the highly radiopaque metal

comprises tungsten.